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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STAUSS ET AL.

Examiner

Howard Weiss

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0805(2), 1007, 0308
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Examiner: Howard Weiss

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's arguments filed 3/17/2008, with respect to the restriction requirement have been fully considered and are persuasive. The restriction of the claims has been withdrawn. All pending claims will be examined.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 5 to 9 recite the limitation "at least one of the individual layers" in Line 1 of said claims. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 9, 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. Regarding Claim 11, the phrase "preferably" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).
6. Regarding Claims 9 and 14, the phrase "in particular" renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1, 13, 14 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yonehara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,453,394).

Yonehara et al. show all aspects of the instant invention (e.g. Figures 1 to 3) including:

- growing a tin-film semiconductor body **302** on a substrate **301**
- applying a germanium (Ge) carrier **310,110** to a side of the thin-film semiconductor body that is remote from the substrate
- stripping the thin-film semiconductor body from the substrate so said body is arranged on the Ge carrier

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order

for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

10. Claims 1 to 14 and 16 to 23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,287,882) and Yonehara et al.

Chang et al. shows most of the instant invention (e.g. Figures 4 and Column 4 lines 4 to 46) including

- to solder a multilayered TFS body **41** to a carrier **44** with gold containing solder
- the TFS body comprising one of In AlGa_N, InAsGaP or InGaAsN
- mirror layer **43** located between said TFS body and the carrier
- the component being a LED or laser LED

Chang et al. do not show the carrier to be made of germanium (Ge). Yonehara et al. teach (Column 7 Lines 3 to 7) that Ge is an equivalent carrier material known in the art. Therefore, because these carrier materials were art-recognized equivalents at the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to use Ge for carrier material. Additionally and with respect to the dielectric layer at least partially arranged between said TFS body and said mirror layer, these material uses are well known to one of ordinary skill in the art and since all the claimed elements were known in the prior art and one skilled in the art could have combined the elements as claimed by known methods with no change in their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention. See Supreme Court Decision in *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. ___, 82 USPQ2d 1385 (2007).

11. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonehara et al. and Kelly et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,740,604).

Yonehara et al. show most aspects of the instant invention (Paragraph 8) except for the use of laser irradiation to strip the TFS body from the carrier. Kelly et al. teach (e.g. Figure 7) to use laser irradiation **1** to prevent the destruction of the surface of the semiconductor layer (Column 2 Lines 60 to 67). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use laser irradiation as taught by Kelly et al. in the process of Yonehara et al. to prevent the destruction of the surface of the semiconductor layer.

Conclusion

12. Papers related to this application may be submitted directly to Art Unit 2814 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (15 November 1989). The Art Unit 2814 Fax Center number is **(571) 273-8300**. The Art Unit 2814 Fax Center is to be used only for papers related to Art Unit 2814 applications.
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18. The following list is the Examiner's field of search for the present Office Action:

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Electronic Database(s): EAST, IEL	thru 6/5/2008

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